

Torn Paper Collage

Directions:

For this project, you will be using TORN PAPER to create a COLLAGE!
You can use virtually any kind of paper you can find....

- Magazines, newspapers, junk mail
- Artwork, sheet music, pages of old books
- Photographs, handwritten notes, scrap paper
- Construction paper, manila paper, etc...

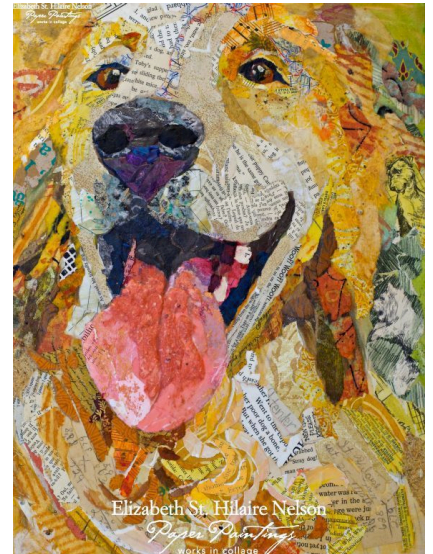
Materials:

- Cardboard, no smaller than the size of printer paper (8 ½ x 11)
- Elmer's glue
- Your finger
- Magazines
- A reference picture to base your collage on

What is a COLLAGE?

Collage - An artwork made up of portions of various existing images such as photographs or prints and arranged so that they join, overlap or blend to create a new image

Here are some examples:



This is a project about color and choosing the right colors to create what picture you are going for. You can even use paper with words on them, as long as they match your color scheme.

STEP ONE:

Find a drawing or photograph of something you would like to use as inspiration for this collage. It could be a face, character, landscape, animal, bird, flower, musical instrument, etc. You can easily find this in magazines, books, or printed from the internet. It will be easier if the size is similar to what you will be making.

Draw the outline of your reference picture onto the cardboard in pencil so you have some boundaries for the torn paper. It does not need to be detailed, just general shapes.

STEP TWO:

Begin by flipping through the magazines, and tear out the large swatches of color.

Often advertisers use large sections of color as background for the ad.

These sections of color are your paint palette. The more colors you collect, the more paint you will have to work with to create your masterpiece.

Try to create a full range of colors for your palette, but don't collect colors you won't need.

Organize the pieces of paper into piles. For example, place all your reds together, all your yellows together, blues with blues, and so on. You can even put them in small bags or paper clip them if you want.

The more the range in colors you collect, the more you will have to choose from in the future.

You don't want to have to go back later and get more colors – it's better to have too much than too little!

WARNING!! Don't become distracted looking at magazines. It will eat up all of your work time.

Preparing the paper for collage:

You will want to work on a sturdy surface like cardboard. It can be cut to the desired size, but no smaller than printer paper size. (8 ½ x 11)

Choose one color to start with, and tear small pieces, no larger than a dime/nickel. Please don't use large pieces.

You will need pieces of all different sizes and shapes, so don't make them all the same!

ALSO, tear the pieces as you need them so you don't have tiny pieces floating around everywhere! Depending on the effect you wish to create, you may or may not want a white edge on your torn paper.

Remember, it can add interest to your collage!

Whichever look you choose, you need to know how to tear the paper properly.

Pull the paper away from you for a white edge.

Pull the paper toward you for a colored edge.

STEP THREE:

Using glue and your finger or a brush, start by spreading or brushing glue onto the board, place the torn paper on the glue, then spread or brush glue over the paper.

Now continue to layer different paper on top of the first color to create a collage effect.

Keep the pieces WITHIN THE LINES OF YOUR DRAWING so you don't lose the picture altogether!!

After each piece of paper is added, it is recommended that a new layer of glue is applied on top of it to help secure and allow for continued layering.

STEP FOUR:

Finish your collage by securing all the pieces down with a final layer of glue. You can brush it on fairly thick, as this is the protective coating. Just don't make it all gloppy or it won't dry!! There should be NO paper sticking up or hanging off the sides. Please make sure it looks neat and clean.